



# Nonsuch High School for Girls

**Sixth Form: Year 13 Parent Information Evening 2026**

**Mrs Rush, Head of Year 13**

**Ms Johns, Director of Sixth Form**



# Warm welcome

- Mock exams
- Support
- Attendance
- UCAS offers and choices
- HE Finance





# Year 13 Mock Exams

- Monday 19 – Thursday 29 January
- Normal lessons Friday 30 January
- Students are on study leave during this time and only expected in for their exams
- Study leave can be taken at home, or in school – students must sign in and out at reception if they come into school to work so we know they are on school site to work in the upstairs common room or library
- The exams are run as per the summer A level exams so students have experience of this
- Students have been issued with a revision guide which was also emailed to you



# Exam Procedures

- Register by 8:25 or 12:55 in the ground floor common room
- Students will need to know their seat numbers and bring in their ID cards
- Please refer to the exam information in the revision guide for a full list of prohibited items (such as watches)
- No henna please

# Absence During Mock Exams

- As per summer A level procedures, exams will not be rescheduled for illness and students would receive 0% for that paper.
- If a student has a university interview please send the evidence to Mrs Rush and Mrs Penman who will reschedule the exam so students are able to receive feedback, although the score on this paper will not be counted.

# Working together...

## Lead up to the Mock Exams:

- Attendance is key
- Students need to be in school every day
- Lost opportunity for students to learn

## Guided learning and structured revision

- Teaching content
- Structured lessons
- Teacher focused support
- Instant teacher feedback



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# Revision Guide

- Mock Exam timetable
- Exam procedures
- Help Clubs List
- Tips and strategies on revising
- Wellbeing Toolkit
- Subject pages with specific content and revision tips for the mock exam and structure of papers



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Year 13 Mock Exams

Revision Support Guide

Where to go for help Email: [fisher.j@nonsuchschool.org](mailto:fisher.j@nonsuchschool.org)  
Help club: Wednesdays at 12:40 in 53

**Biology**

The mock will consist of 2 papers. One paper will be based on the Biological Processes and Biology Diversity content and the second will be based on the Unified Biology type questions.

Paper 1 will be 2 hours and 15 minutes  
Paper 2 will be 1 hour and 30 minutes

Type of Assessment	Duration	Topics to Revise	
		1.1 Examinable practical skills	4.1.1 Communicable diseases, disease prevention and the immune system
		2.1.2 Biological molecules	4.2.1 Biodiversity
		2.1.3 Nucleotides and nucleic acids	4.2.2 Classification and Evolution
		2.1.4 Enzymes	5.1.1 Communication and Homeostasis
		2.1.5 Biological membranes	5.1.2 Hormonal communication
		2.1.6 Cell division, diversity and organisation	5.1.3 Neuronal communication
		3.1.1 Exchange surfaces	5.1.4 Hormonal communication
		3.1.2 Transport in animals	5.1.5 Plant and animal responses- animal responses only (g-i)
		3.1.3 Transport in plants	5.2.1 Photosynthesis
			5.2.2 Respiration
			6.1.2 Patterns of inheritance
			6.3.1 Ecosystems
			6.3.2 Populations and sustainability

**Strategies for Revising**

There is no one correct way to revise and each person will have their own approach. Below are a few strategies that may help...

1. Look at the appropriate subject pages in this booklet
2. Identify what areas you need to focus on
3. Go through your work, or through revision guides, and create some revision resources (mind maps, flashcards, lists)
4. Once you have these revision resources you can use them to revise:
  - a. Testing yourself – Hide the resource away or conceal answers (this is why flashcards with answers on the back are so useful!). Do you remember all of the information?
  - b. Get others to test you – give the resource to a family member or friend and ask them to ask you questions relating to the information.

5. Look at some of the more relevant questions you have done throughout the year in your folders – redo the questions using your revision resources as help. Practice makes perfect! Just because you have done something once, doesn't mean you won't benefit from doing it again! That goes for past papers too, you can do the same paper multiple times if you need to.
6. Use **The Golden Hour** to work in 1 hour sustainable chunks...

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# At home...

- Regular meals
- Sufficient sleep in a regular pattern
- Exercise and fresh air
- Regular breaks (but don't procrastinate)
- Encourage students to study in a place / way where they won't be distracted (eg we recommend they put their phones in another room)
- Encourage students to revise in an effective manner (check the guide for ideas) - simply re-reading notes is not particularly effective
- Encourage students to seek subject help from teachers
- Tell Sixth Form Team of concerns



# School support

## Designated study areas

- Silent work - library
- Supervised study- upstairs common room
- Group work – downstairs common room
- Twilight – until 17:00 Monday- Thursday
- Subject help clubs - lunchtime and after school (listed in the Revision Guide)





# What if the Mocks don't go to plan?

- Reports will be published after the mocks with exam results and Most Likely Outcomes
- Students will get feedback in class before reports and they should reflect on their areas of development and make a plan on how they can improve them
- Subjects will continue to run help clubs and drop-in sessions for those who need them

# Year 13 Parents' Evening

Thursday 12 March

16:00 – 18:30 in school

# Attendance – why does it matter?

Performance	Average attendance
Meets all three UCAS grades	98.5%
One grade below in one subject	94.8%
One grade below in two subjects	89.9%
One grade below in all three subjects	84.8%

Once a student's attendance falls below 90%, every absence will need to be supported with medical evidence.

Students may be asked to pay for their exam entries when attendance persistently is below 90% and there is insufficient medical evidence to support the absence

Applying to university  
Through UCAS

**UCAS**



# UCAS decisions

Students can track their application in UCAS

For each choice it will be indicated with either:

- Offer
- Unsuccessful
- Invitation to interview

# Making a Firm Choice

- Students should **not confirm choices in UCAS** until they have discussed them with their tutor/Sixth Form Team later in the Spring Term
- Are they being realistic?
  - Use Mock Exam report
- Meeting with tutors will begin in March to discuss Firm and Insurance choices.
- Confirm Firm and Insurance choices in UCAS (date given in UCAS) – there should be no pressure from universities, please report any to UCAS



# UCAS Extra

- **26 February – 4 July**
- If a student has used all five choices, and they are not holding any offers (because they didn't receive any offers or have declined their offers), they can add another choice through Extra.
- Extra is another chance for them to gain a place at university or college. They will be able to apply to additional universities, one at a time.
- If they don't get the offer they want through Extra, don't worry – they can still use Clearing to add another choice later.

# UCAS Clearing

- 2 July – 19 October
- If you have no offers and haven't secured a course through Extra, you can apply for a course using Clearing
- Or if you have declined your firm place using the 'decline my place' button in your application you can now apply through Clearing
- There is no guarantee of the courses or universities available in Clearing each year, you may have to be flexible

# On results day, 13 August...

- From 8am, students will be able to see in UCAS if their place is confirmed at either their Firm or Insurance choice university
- This does not tell them their A level grades – they need to come into school for this!
- If they are unsuccessful, they will be placed in Clearing where they can now look for an alternative course
- We advise students to ring universities directly to discuss Clearing places as these change rapidly on the day

# Applying for Finance

- Two main costs:
  - 1) Tuition Fees
  - 2) Living Costs
- A tuition fee loan of up to £9250 will be paid directly to university or college each year
- Students can also apply for a maintenance loan to pay for rent / living costs. The size of the loan varies according to household income
- Loans will start being paid back once a graduate is earning an income
- The amount paid back is proportional to the salary of the graduate
- Applications for Finance for 2026 courses will open in March 2026
- We had PSHE on Student Finance in September

# Student Finance advice from Martin Lewis

https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/

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**English and starting uni in  
2025/26?**

You'll be on the new-ish 'Plan 5' loan – the biggest change in student finance for a decade. It has increased the cost by more than 50% for many students. We take you through what you need to know.

[READ ABOUT 'PLAN 5' STUDENT LOAN](#)

**Welsh, Scottish or Northern Irish  
and starting uni in 2025/26?**

Your student loan works differently:

- ✓ **Northern Irish?** You'll have a ['Plan 1' student loan](#).
- ✓ **Scottish?** You'll have a ['Plan 4' student loan](#).
- ✓ **Welsh?** You'll have a ['Plan 2' student loan](#).

**CHECK: Which plan am I on?**



## University parental contribution

Our calculator shows how much the government expects parents to contribute to their child's student maintenance loan. In brief:

✓ The size of the maintenance loan is based on household income.



# Any Questions?

## UCAS information:

**Types of offers** - University offers - conditional, unconditional, unsuccessful & withdrawn

**Replying to offers** - How To Accept Or Decline University Offers & Deadlines For Your Replies

**Extra** - UCAS Extra | No Offers? Add More Choices With Our 'Extra' Service

**Clearing** - What is Clearing? Find out when Clearing happens and how it works

## Student finance:

If you have an older child already at university this is taken into account when your second child applies for student finance.